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# A.S. names acting executive director to replace De Alba

By John Myers

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

James Cellini has been named as acting executive director for San Jose State University Associated Students, according to an executive order signed Tuesday by A.S. President Alberto Gutierrez.

The order, which went into effect Wednesday, gives Cellini the duties of A.S. executive director on a half-time basis.

"There is no doubt in my mind that he is

going to do a great job," Gutierrez said.

Cellini's appointment temporarily fills the position left vacant when the A.S. Board of Directors voted to dismiss former Executive Director Alfonso De Alba on Feb. 8.

De Alba was placed on leave Nov. 18 when allegations surfaced that he provided alcohol to minors. After a university-led investigation, which was completed in December, the board voted to terminate De Alba's employment.

According to the order, Cellini will sign all accounting documents and contracts that would normally be signed by the executive

director. Gutierrez said he hopes Cellini can work at the A.S. House on Tuesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

According to a memo written by Gutierrez, Cellini had previously worked as adviser to the A.S. Board of Directors, and A.S. Controller Alex Ramos said in an interview Thursday that Cellini has recently worked as a consultant regarding A.S.'s budget.

Gutierrez said Cellini was hired to the con-

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# SJSU officials watch community college's switch to Gmail

By Ryan Sholin

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mountain View-based Google announced an agreement Feb. 10 to host San Jose City College e-mail accounts on its servers, providing nearly 10,000 students with free Gmail addresses at the sjcc.edu domain.

Google spokesperson Erin Fors wrote in an e-mail that the company planned to use the City College e-mail system as a testing ground to "learn more about how Gmail could be used within organizations and businesses."

The announcement has interested some officials at San Jose State University to possibly go a similar route.

"We've paid attention to that announcement," said San Jose State University President Don Kassing at a press conference on Tuesday.

Unix-based e-mail accounts are available to all SJSU students, faculty and staff, but some students are either unaware of the service or find it difficult to use.

Gurinder Taunke, a freshman majoring in biological sciences, said he never knew he had access to university e-mail.

"I wouldn't mind getting an SJSU account," Taunke said. "I would probably use Gmail."

To send and receive messages on the existing SJSU e-mail system, students need to use a program like Microsoft Outlook or Mozilla Thunderbird.

Web-based access to student e-mail accounts is available, but it appears to go mostly unnoticed.

"It's too clunky," said Glen Lenker, a freshman majoring in computer science. "It's not user-friendly at all."

Kim Tang, a junior majoring in business management, said she prefers to use her Yahoo e-mail account.

"I've just had it for so long. I didn't want to change," Tang said.

Currently, some SJSU faculty and staff e-mail accounts are spread across individual servers in each college, or even each department.

"Many people in our department want to have our own servers," said computer science department chair David Hayes. "For various reasons, we think our servers are better."

Hayes said there could be a move to uniform e-mail across the campus.

"Maybe having Google do it would save the University money," Hayes said. "It's something to explore."

Don Baker, an interim associate vice president of university computing and telecommunications, wrote in an e-mail that a university committee was forming to look into the idea of consolidating the various campus e-mail servers.

"Centralized e-mail has been identified as a campuswide initiative," Baker wrote.

Hayes said that maintaining its own e-mail servers let the department have control over spam filtering systems and rules about attachments.

Google's standard Gmail service comes with a built-in spam filter. Users can send and receive attachments of sizes up to 10 megabytes.

Google stores Gmail messages on its servers and scans the text of users' e-mails to filter spam, check for viruses and display context-based advertising.

According to Google's "Gmail and privacy" Web page, the process of scanning user e-mails is "completely automated and involves no humans."

"As long as it's free to the students, it would be a good idea," Hayes said.

Some privacy advocates, however, don't take Google's assurances to heart.

In a 2004 open letter to Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page, the World Privacy Forum and 30 other organizations called for a suspension of e-mail scanning for ad placement.

"We think a computer system, with its greater storage, memory, and associative ability than a human's, could be just as invasive as a human listening to the communications, if not more so," they wrote in the letter.

University President Kassing said that privacy concerns had been raised in the initial conversations at SJSU about the possibility of Google-hosted campus e-mail.

Hayes said he wasn't worried about any potential privacy problems.

"I don't think it would be a big issue," Hayes said.

## EXPLORING NIGERIAN CULTURE



FANG LIANG / DAILY STAFF

Olayimika Sosimi, left, of the Nigerian Student Association dances in the second annual Cultural Day as onlookers throw tip money to the dancer, a Nigerian tradition.

# Nigerian cultural event showcases traditional dance, music and food

By Andrew Torrez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University's Nigerian Student Association hosted a Nigerian Culture Day Saturday evening in the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union.

This was the second year of the student-organized event, which featured poetry, food, music, dance performances and a short play.

According to the Nigerian Student Association president, Emeka Ekwuatu, the event is held to bring awareness about the Nigerian culture to SJSU students.

"Our main goal was to bring all those interested in (the) Nigerian culture together," said Ekwuatu, a senior in computer engineering. "(And) to showcase the (Nigerian) culture."

The Nigerian Student Association was founded in the fall of 2002 at SJSU and the Nigerian Culture Day started in the fall of 2004.

Members of the Nigerian Student Association decided to hold the event during African Awareness Month this year instead of during the fall semester, which is when the event took place last year.

After starting nearly two hours late, the event got underway with a speech from keynote speaker Vicky Awuzie.

In her speech, Awuzie spoke about the differences between growing up in Nigeria and growing up in America.

"(In Nigeria) we didn't have the pleasure

to do drugs or alcohol," Awuzie said. "They didn't exist. If we did use them, (our) parents would slap the alcohol out of you."

The Barrett Ballroom gradually filled during the event as more and more people came into the green and white decorated room. After about two hours, before the intermission, nearly all the tables were full.

The audience was very interactive with the event performers. Many people from the crowd cheered, applauded, danced and showered the dancers with money during the event.

Uche Uzegbu, secretary for the Nigerian Student Association, said that throwing money at the dancers is a Nigerian tradition. Giving the dancers money is a way of supporting the organization and the performers.

"I am very happy with the turnout," Uzegbu said. "Last year we only had half of the room and it wasn't even filled. We have been planning the event since last summer and during winter break."

According to Ekwuatu, the Nigerian Student Association raised money for the event and nearly everyone involved was a student and member of the Nigerian Student Association.

"We had a lot of car washes and bake sales (to raise money)," Ekwuatu said.

Ekwuatu agreed that this year's attendance to the event grew from last year and said that more people have become interested in the Nigerian culture.

"We had a lot more people this year than

we did last year," Ekwuatu said about the event. "At the start of the year, we had so many people of non-African decent show interest in our group."

Ekwuatu said he is happy with the attention the organization has received.

"It is very encouraging and exciting to have people interested in our group," he said. "We are getting to the point where we have so many people of non-African or Nigerian decent join the organization or participating in our shows."

Ekwuatu said the Nigerian Student Association currently has about 38 active members on the organization's roster.

Samuel Obi, a professor in the Department of Aviation and Technology, said he is pleased with how much the Nigerian Student Association has progressed. Obi has been an adviser for the Nigerian Student Association since it started in 2002.

"The event was very successful," Obi said. "The (organization) has done very well."

According to Obi, a large number of Nigerians migrated to America around the 1970s. In the '80s, the Nigerian population was not as high, but grew again in the mid-'90s.

He said those who were in the Bay Area in the mid-90s became organized at SJSU and those students helped get the Nigerian Student Association started.

"I am excited that San Jose State calls the month of February Black Awareness Month," Ekwuatu said. "I am really proud of that."

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## IT'S A CELEBRATION



DANIEL ESCH / DAILY STAFF

San Jose State University students celebrate Black Thursday at the Student Union Amphitheater.



## CLOSE TO HOME

## All SJSU students need to take a break and enjoy life

I was walking on campus a few days ago, about to go to work at the Spartan Daily when I spotted a tiny movement on a tree branch from the corner of my eye.

It was a hummingbird. Sitting on the bare branch of one of the young trees that surround the new sculpture of Tommie Smith and John Carlos was this beautiful little jewel of a bird. It was amazing.

I stopped to stare for a few moments, walking a little closer to get a better view. I reflected in that instant that there is so much that I just walk past in the world, that I never see because of how busy life can be.

I think most of you — my fellow classmates — can agree that our lives are sometimes an endless stream of deadlines, due-dates and schedules. We live our lives in increments of an hour, two hours, a class, a lunch break, a shift at work. We are so busy and pre-occupied with the details of keeping our grades up and working to pay our bills that we sometimes miss the things that make life worth all that work to begin with.

I have heard from my friends and classmates about how busy they are. What I don't hear is a single story about anything like my little hummingbird. No one turns to me at work and says something about the beautiful day, or the sunrise that morning. No one tells their friends about a child they saw on their way to class, laughing or playing or saying something adorable.

Are we all just bitter, cynical workaholics? Do we just ignore the beauty in the world. Does it not matter to us? Maybe we just can't see the forest for the trees, as the saying goes.

My point is that maybe if we stopped every once in a while on our way to class or work or the library and looked up, we would see something that would give us pause and make us think about how lovely the world can be.

There are plenty of things wrong with our country right now, not to mention some rather disappointing political happenings right here on campus, but maybe

every once in a while it would be good for us to stop fretting over the wrong in the world and focus on the good. It might make us even more dedicated to effecting a positive change, whether that be on a national level or a little closer to home.

The work we do, the sacrifices we make to get our degrees and move out into the world as educated professionals, are only worthwhile because of the positive changes we can then make in our own lives and maybe even the lives of others.

Having perspective is what I found keeps me from driving myself crazy with all the work I have to get done each week. If I only focused on the minutia of each task, I would be totally unmotivated. Looking at the big picture and remembering what I am in school to accomplish, make me want to study for my exams, wait tables or write my column.

Seeing the big picture means realizing that it is represented by the little things: the paper for an English class, the first table of the night at work. Making that

connection is key.

I hope, San Jose State, that we all know what we want for ourselves in life. I hope that you can all appreciate that you are in control of your own perceptions. Life is only as good as you make it for yourself.

Next time you are walking to class, look around and take in the beautiful day, the gorgeous campus we are so lucky to have, or maybe even — if this is your style — the hot guy or girl walking in front of you. Whatever makes you happy.

As for my hummingbird, I looked away after a moment and he flew away. All that I saw when I looked back was a tiny bare branch, moving ever so slightly up and down.

Have a good day.

*Lydia Sarraille is a Spartan Daily copy editor. "Close to Home" appears every other Monday.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Underage drinkers should be punished

Dear editor,

I am a little confused about this "holier-than-thou" attitude around buying underage people drinks. Granted, I know we are in college and there are problems surrounding drinking, but I also know that if I was in a bar buying a round and someone with me was not of age, I wouldn't say, "sorry kid, iced tea for you."

Let me say this one more time, I, in no way, condone buying underage people alcohol. It's against the law.

If my boss took me out to a bar and I skirted out so as to not get carded, and came back ready for a tequila shot, then I would have no right to go to his boss saying, "I was underage, he should be fired."

I don't want to be confused with someone who takes this issue lightly, but the fact of the matter is that it happens. If there are responsible adults around, it shouldn't be an issue.

At the most, De Alba should have been reprimanded, along with the underage drinkers. There should have been a long, drawn-out discussion about the dangers of alcohol. The underage drink-

ers should have said, "I am sorry, it was a mistake" and De Alba should have said, "I am sorry, I made a bad decision, it won't happen again."

Granted, if there was some kind of history of purchasing alcohol for underage A.S. directors, then yes, fire the guy. From what I read in the report, this was just one incident of bad judgment.

It is understandable that SJSU President Don Kassing would stand behind their vote. No one wants to be put in a position in which someone could argue that they felt underage drinking was OK. As far as I am concerned, the members of the A.S. board are telling us, the students, that they are not responsible adults. They are then further making their case by preparing to spend our money on lawyer fees and placing all of the blame on De Alba, which is not only irresponsible, but also cowardly.

*Salena Acox  
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## TODAY

## Pride of the Pacific Islands Club

The Pride of the Pacific Islands Club will be holding dance practice from 8-10 p.m. in the Aerobics room of the Event Center. For more information, contact Nisa at 924-2221.

## School of Art and Design

The SJSU School of Art and Design will be hosting a "Student Galleries Art Exhibitions Galleries" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Design building. For more information, contact the Gallery Office at 924-4330.

## SJSU Career Center

The career center holds resume critiques, Monday-Thursday from 1:30-3 p.m. in the career center, modular F. For more info, contact Evelyn Castillo at 924-6031.

## Chicano Commencement

General meetings are held Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Guadalupe Room. For more info, e-mail Patricia Rocha at [patriciarocha31@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciarocha31@yahoo.com).

## Counseling Services

Women's process group from 1-2:30 p.m. in the administration building room 201. For more info, contact Carina Estiban at 924-5910.

## TUESDAY

## School of Art and Design

The SJSU School of Art and Design will be hosting "Without Words BEA Seminar Fall '05" from 5-6 p.m. in Art building room 133. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at 924-4328.

## School of Art and Design

The SJSU School of Art and Design will be hosting "Student Galleries Art Reception" from 6-8 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Designs building. For more information, contact the Gallery Office at 924-4330.

## Every Nation Campus Ministries

"The Source" — Held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Thai at (510) 773-939.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Gutierrez: don't claim undeserved credit

Dear editor,

In response to A.S. President Alberto Gutierrez's "Letter to the Editor" where he claims credit for the formation of the Spartan Squad, I was wondering how Mr. Gutierrez, who opposed the fee for athletics, can claim credit for something he never had anything to do with?

Second, the number of opportunities for students to participate in university governance has been sharply reduced while Gutierrez has been A.S. President. I am not sorry to see Mr. De Alba go, but from what the Spartan Daily detailed, it was the A.S. Board that did most of the partying and the drinking while they were there on our dime.

President Gutierrez is notorious for not responding to student concerns, and people like the A.S. Director of Advising and Director of Faculty

Affairs have actually been chided in university committees. For saying nothing on behalf of students.

Perhaps Mr. Gutierrez should stop claiming credit for the work other people did on behalf of the Spartan Squad and worry more about how much longer we as students have to put with the "Sonoma Six" in student government?

Perhaps Spartan Pride did not accomplish much, but unlike the mess that the Stand Up Party have left student government, they sure did not hurt anyone either.

*James Rowen  
Graduate Student  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## De Alba isn't the only person to blame

Dear editor,

I would give the Associated Students Board of Directors an "F" for failing to show even the slightest bit of honor in their actions with regards to the De Alba incident. In fact, why are we calling it the De Alba incident? He has not been proven guilty of knowingly violating the law, but Brandon Glover and two other A.S. board members have admitted their guilt.

Where is their justice? They have not only failed the students at San Jose State University, but they have failed as decent human beings. Doing the right and fair thing is what we should be able to expect from our so-called leaders, even student leaders.

This board should resign. With the exception of Rebecca Balderas, not one of them has taken responsibility for their own actions particularly those guilty of underage drinking.

They have no qualms about seeing De Alba fired and vilified for their actions, but think they should be able to continue in their roles as student representatives. What kind of double standard is that?

Are these the kind of people we want representing us?

I request a recall of those members of the board who are guilty of underage drinking and suggest that legal action be taken against them. After all, they knew for a fact that they were not old enough to drink

and that it was against the law.

This applies as well to those who were of age and present at the "scene of the crime."

Shouldn't they be held equally responsible for not checking IDs? What about the restaurant? Shouldn't they lose their liquor license? Why is only one scapegoat being singled out here? What is the truth behind that little mystery? I guess only those in closed sessions have the privileged access to that information. When these students say they are representing us they are telling the worst of lies. It's obvious that the only interests they care about are their own.

Let he who has no sin cast the first stone, and let those casting stones be held to the same standards and afforded the same privileges and punishments.

Hey, I've got an idea... why doesn't the Spartan Daily take a poll on how many students think the A.S. board should be recalled, or should resign. Since the Daily has been instrumental in bringing us all the latest news on this situation, I believe this is the ideal venue to discover what students really think of this situation, the group of people who are supposed to be representing students here at SJSU and the actions they have taken in this matter.

*Velda Saldana  
Business*

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## Fraternities and sororities celebrate Black Thursday

By Tandra Madison  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Once a month in the Student Union Amphitheater, the sound of loud music draws a crowd of curious students.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Known as Black Thursday, which is held on the third Thursday of each month at San Jose State University, it is an event that allows students to come out, meet and find out more about black sororities and fraternities in a casual setting.

Psychology major and Kappa Alpha Psi member Brian Spencer, said that students tend to congregated above the amphitheater, but don't sit in the seats.

"People see all the Greeks and get intimidated," he said.

Nicole Blankenship, sociology and criminology major, said that Black Thursdays used to have a better turnout. She agreed with Spencer about why students weren't coming, but added, "It's a time for people to meet the Greeks. Don't be scared."

For the event, the organizations in attendance set up tables, showing pictures of past events, advertising upcoming ones and presenting poster boards about their chapter. The poster boards usually give some history about the organization as a whole while also giving a visual introduction to the members of the campus chapter.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council consists of nine Black sororities and fraternities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded on Dec. 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., according to the fraternity's Web site. There were seven original members and it was "the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans."

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was founded on Jan. 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, DC. It became the first black sorority, according to the Web site.

Alethea Huggins, a sociology major and sorority member, explained that the sorority has a five-point thrust.

"We emphasize black family, economics, education, art and health," she said.

The second black fraternity to be established was the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. It was founded on Jan. 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington with 10 original members, according to its Web site.

According to the Omega Psi Phi fraternity's Web site, the fraternity began with three liberal arts undergraduates on the Howard University campus and was founded on Nov. 17, 1911. The site also explains that the Omega's principles include "manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift."

The Web site of Delta Sigma Theta, the sister organization of the Omegas, was founded Jan. 13, 1913, at Howard University. The site goes on to say there were 22 original members and from the beginning and they established a five-point program: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. The Deltas became the second Black sorority to be established.

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, according to its Web site, was founded on Jan. 9, 1914, at Howard University with three original members. They have three basic principles: brotherhood, scholarship and service. According to the site, the founding members believed deeply in giving back to the communities they came from and established the fraternity's motto based on that belief. "Culture for service and service for humanity."

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the sister organization to the Sigmas, was founded on Jan. 16, 1920, also at Howard University, with five original members, according to the sorority's Web site. Their precepts, according to the site, are scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood. The Zetas became the third Black sorority on the Howard University campus and in the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

According to its Web site, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, was founded Nov. 12, 1922, in Indianapolis. Originally, seven schoolteachers started the group. They became a nationally incorporated collegiate chapter on Dec. 30, 1929 at Butler University, also in Indianapolis. Sigma Gamma Rho became the fourth and final Black sorority to be established in the Pan-Hellenic council.

On Sept. 19, 1963, with 12 original members, Iota Phi Theta was founded at Morgan State University in Baltimore, according to the iotaphitheta.org Web site. They became the last black fraternity to be established in the Pan-Hellenic council.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Editor's Note:  
All this month, the Spartan Daily and students will celebrate Black History. Keep reading for full coverage.  
-C.B.

## Campus Village rape case still being investigated by UPD; some uneasy about security

By Zeenat Umar  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

A rape case that was reported last semester is still being investigated, according to the University Police Department.

"We are still actively investigating the case and processing evidence," said UPD Sgt. John Laws.

The sexual assault occurred in Campus Village in October, and the victim is a San Jose State University student, said UPD Sgt. Robert Noriega.

"There were witnesses to the incident who have been interviewed," Noriega said.

Some leads have been tracked, he said, but the ongoing search has not produced any conclusive evidence that may lead to an arrest at this time.

Laws said the releasable information is limited, as it may compromise the investigation.

Jessica Byer, an SJSU graphic design sophomore who is a Campus Village resident, said it is not hard for outsiders to get access inside the building despite the security. She said her computer got stolen from her bedroom a couple of months ago.

Annie Loria, an advertising major living in Campus Village said that as most non-residents are aware that a key is required to gain access to the building, they know how to get around it.

"People just hang out by the door and wait for

someone who has a key so that they can get in," Loria said.

Lisa Okafor, a nursing major, said she did not feel safe when she was a campus resident at Royce Hall.

"It's scary," Okafor said in response to the sexual assault reported last semester.

Uche Uzevbu, a nursing major living in Campus Village, said that often she sees unfamiliar faces inside the building.

"Anyone can easily get in because maintenance isn't doing their job," Uzevbu said. "I see random people coming up the stairs all the time."

According to Uzevbu and Okafor, campus residents easily let others inside the building.

"There were four rape cases reported to UPD last year," Noriega said.

UPD offers rape aggression defense training, a course promoting awareness, prevention, and self-defense techniques, taught by UPD officers each semester.

Other protection services on campus include blue-light telephones directly linked to the UPD office, campus police patrol and events held to increase student awareness.

Noriega asks that anyone with relevant information to the ongoing rape investigation, or any kind of sexual assault occurring on campus, to contact UPD at 924-2222. Callers who wish to remain anonymous may call the confidential tip line at 924-2236.

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sulting position in early January.

Cellini also worked with what is now Student Life and Leadership for 16 years and was named director of the office in 1991, according to Gutierrez's memo.

Veril Phillips, SJSU vice president of student affairs who helps advise the A.S. board, said he thinks Cellini's appointment will help A.S. operate smoothly.

"I know he will do a good job running the day-to-day operations at A.S. during this transitional period," Phillips said.

Gutierrez had been performing the duties of executive director since De Alba was placed on leave.

"It's been really hard to balance being president, executive director and a student and still be an active member in my fraternity," Gutierrez said. "I'm really re-

lieved."

As far as finding a permanent replacement for De Alba, Gutierrez said he hopes to meet with the A.S. Personnel Committee to begin a nationwide search process next week. He said he hopes to advertise the position in higher education publications the following week.

John Myers is a former Spartan Daily executive editor.

## MySpace craze hits SJSU

By Evie Smith  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's the Web sensation that's swept the nation, and more importantly swept up San Jose State University — MySpace.com has become a whole new way to connect with peers.

As of Thursday there are 47 SJSU-affiliated MySpace groups and more than 2,500 SJSU students connected with in these groups.

"It's one of the most successful ways of promoting stuff," said Ryan Davies, a leader on the Spartan Squad.

The Spartan Squad is the official student body athletic booster club aimed at encouraging students to get involved and go to school sporting events.

Davies, a recreation leisure major, has been a member on MySpace for two years.

He said the Spartan Squad group page on MySpace helps to get the word out about the organization's upcoming events.

SJSU student Rita Brum is the group leader for a Greek life group on MySpace.

"I started it back when I was in Greek Life in 2004. I was actually at a community college and had been initiated into a sorority, but wasn't able to be around as much as I'd liked," Brum said. "I started my group so all of us in Greek life could stay in touch and stay updated on events."

SJSU student Brandon Giovanni hosts "Bassline" every Saturday night on KSJS, SJSU's campus radio station.

Giovanni said the MySpace group he started has helped to get the word out about his show.

"MySpace has further expanded our audience and provided an easy avenue for people to access our news and information," he said, "but I do remember catching a girl in my communication studies course always changing her photos during a lecture."

As well as being used as a medium to promote campus groups and organizations, its intended use is to meet new people, or as the MySpace site states, "it's an online community that lets you meet your friends' friends."

MySpace has become a whole new way of communicating for many SJSU students.

"A lot of my friends and I prefer to talk via Myspace," Brum said.

MySpace allows users to post messages, send e-mail or instant message other members.

In addition to all these features, members can join or start common interest groups, where they can post or debate topics, and meet other members with similar interests, all for free.

"You used to ask people for their number, now it's their MySpace name," said SJSU student Ryan Huckabey.

A friend introduced Huckabey to the Web site in November of 2003.

The site has also become a way for students to stay in contact with friends from high school.

"I can keep in contact with friends who aren't in the area," said Jessica Byer, a graphic design major. "I'm from LA, so many of my close friends still live down there. Everyone is either talking to you online through MySpace or talking about MySpace in real life."

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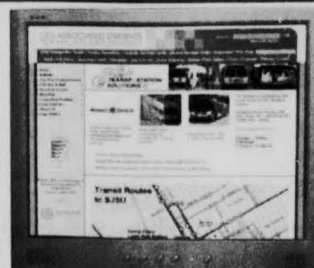
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## Spartan hockey hosts regionals tourney

By Matthew Zane  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University's club hockey team hosted the first ever regional playoff tournament for its league at Logitech Ice last weekend, but did not play because it had an automatic bid to the national tournament in March.

American Collegiate Hockey Association teams from as far as Colorado and Washington came to compete in the ACHA Division II West Regional playoff tournament.

SJSU hockey club members helped to facilitate tournament by recording statistics, collecting tickets at the door, running the public address system and setting up equipment, among other things.

Eight teams were selected by their rankings in the 29 team Western Conference to compete in the tournament for two berths to the ACHA Division II National Tournament in Rochester, N.Y.

SJSU's hockey team is ranked No. 1 in the ACHA Western Conference with a record of 26-1-1, and has an automatic berth to the national tournament along with No. 2 Colorado State University.

This year was the first time that the ACHA had Division II regional playoffs. In previous years, teams qualified for the national championship based on their conference rankings.

The first two games were played on Friday afternoon when Eastern Washington University faced Brigham Young University on Logitech Ice's North Rink while the University of Denver battled California State, Long Beach on the South Rink.

Eastern Washington and BYU matched each other goal-for-goal throughout the game, forcing a sudden death overtime period where Eastern Washington scored first, for a final score of 5-4.

On the South Rink, No. 3 Denver defeated No. 10 Long Beach 6-2.

Later that night, the University of Colorado faced off against the University of Southern California and Utah State University played Weber State University.

No. 9 USC had a chance to upset No. 4 Colorado when they broke a 2-2 stalemate midway through the second period to take a 3-2 lead. Colorado forced the game into overtime when they scored with 7:41 left in the third period and went on to win 4-3.

No. 7 Weber State shut out No. 6 Utah State, scoring a goal in all three periods for a final score of 3-0.

The action continued Saturday

night when two playoff games were held to determine which two teams would advance to the national tournament.

The No. 5 Eastern Washington Eagles came out strong against the No. 4 Colorado Buffaloes, taking a 2-0 lead during the first period. The Buffaloes responded by scoring less than two minutes into the second period, then again to tie the score 2-2 midway through the period.

Eagles' goalie Matt Pippenger fumbled a shot from Buffaloes' forward Scott Montgomery late in the second period and couldn't stop the puck from sliding into the goal to put Colorado up 3-2.

Fancy stick work from Colorado forward Brian Burghart allowed him to pass multiple Eagles' defenders for a clear shot on goal that put Colorado up 4-2 five minutes into the third period.

The Buffaloes held onto the lead, advancing to the national tournament, with a final score of 5-3.

With the second national tournament playoff berth on the line, Weber State couldn't muster up another upset when they played the Denver Pioneers.

The Pioneers took a commanding 3-0 lead in the first period, while the Wildcats managed to score two goals in the second period.

Tensions ran high throughout the game. Players had to be separated by referees on multiple occasions, especially following a series of vicious checks from both teams late in the second period. Denver won the game with a final score of 6-2.



University of Colorado forward Scott Montgomery blocks a shot by a University of Southern California hockey player. The Buffaloes defeated the Trojans 4-3 in the ACHA Division II West Regional playoff tournament at the Logitech Ice Center.

Kenneth Pierce, director of game operations for SJSU hockey, played a major role in running the tournament. Pierce said that he had gotten lots of positive feedback about the new tournament system from the clubs that participated.

"There were a couple of upsets, but I think the teams who are going to Rochester deserve to go," Pierce said.

SJSU hockey team coaches and players said that Colorado's and Denver's wins during the tournament probably wouldn't matter to them.

"This won't affect us in any way, shape or form," said team captain Ray Kellam.

"We wouldn't face any of them unless we both get into the semi's (of the national tournament)," said head coach Ron Glasow.

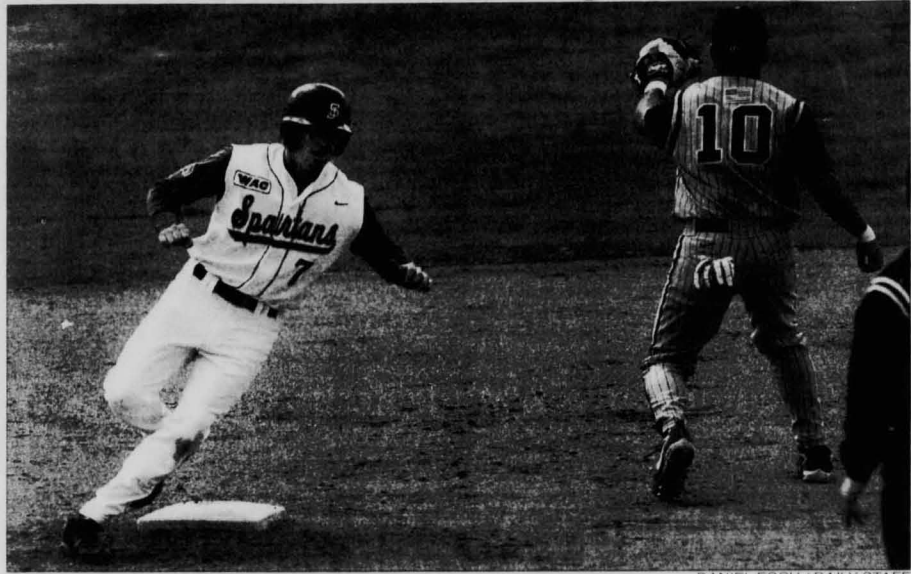
To advance to the semifinals, SJSU will likely have to face some tough, but familiar competition. According to Glasow, both Pennsylvania State University and the 2005 ACHA national champion Michigan State University are in SJSU's tournament pool.

At last year's ACHA national tournament, SJSU beat Penn State, who was ranked No. 2 in the north-east region, but came up short against Michigan State.

"At least we've experienced with those teams," Glasow said.

Glasow is optimistic about the team's chances to go far into the tournament. "This is the best chance to get to the semi's we've ever had, we've got a real shot."

## SJSU baseball sweeps Cougars



Spartans outfielder Sam Hall advances to second off a hit by shortstop John Shaffer in the fourth inning against Brigham Young University Saturday at Municipal Stadium.

By Greg Lydon  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University baseball team's winning streak improved to five games, as the Spartans busted out the brooms over the weekend to sweep Brigham Young University at Municipal Stadium.

The Spartans took game two of the series Friday night in a dramatic fashion when freshman John Shaffer hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning in his first collegiate at bat to give SJSU a 4-3 win.

"Beautiful thing about baseball, there's no time clock," SJSU coach Sam Piraro said. "Credit to our bench, good team win involved a lot of personnel."

In the series finale, several Spartan pitchers saw time on the mound as they came from behind to win 4-3 with freshman pitcher Greg Shannon earning the victory.

"We just battled out there, we wanted it more," Shannon said. "The defense held it up for me. Errorless game, can't ask for anything more than that."

On a cool, rainy evening at Municipal Stadium, pitcher Loren Money Penny started on the mound Friday for the Spartans.

The Cougars got their bats going in the fourth inning with back-to-back hits, followed by an RBI double from Kent Walton. The hits kept coming when Ben Saylor sent home two more runs with a RBI single to give the Cougars a 3-0 lead.

"I hit a speed bump mentally in the fourth, I lost my edge and gave up a couple runs," Money Penny said. "I settled down and located my fastball and got into a groove after that."

Money Penny retired the next 14 hitters after the two-run single, striking out five Cougars.

The Spartans shook up their lineup in the seventh inning with three straight pinch hitters. Two of them reached base to end BYU pitcher Patrick Wells' night on the hill after SJSU tied the game at 3-3.

"Our lefties were having no success out there," Piraro said. "I wanted to shake things up, we needed a spark."

Ryan Angel's ninth RBI of the season was followed by an RBI single by pinch hitter Brett Prieto Jr. to tie the game.

Chris Balatico came in for the SJSU in the ninth, and the Spartans' defense was stellar — highlighted by a bare-handed grab by second basemen David Pierson.

Shaffer led off the bottom of the ninth for the Spartans, and after taking a called strike, he took his first college swing and sent a BYU fastball over the left field 330 feet away for a game-winning home run.

"I was just happy I got the chance," Shaffer said. "It felt good when I hit it."

Pitcher Josh Amberson got the start for the Spartans in the series finale and struck out five Cougars through the first 3 innings, while retiring the first 10 Cougars he faced.

"We had a quality start from Josh, the pitching was excellent all series," Piraro said.

Friday night's hero Shaffer got his first start of his college career at shortstop.

"I was nervous when I first heard I was getting the start," Shaffer said. "I just tried to slow the game down and take it an inning at a time."

Right fielder Chris Balatico got the first triple of the year for the Spartans in the third inning. He was knocked in by Pierson when he singled to right field to give the Spartans a early 2-0 lead.

BYU got to Amberson in the fourth with its first two hits of the game, followed by a three-run home run by BYU right fielder Ben Saylor to give the Cougars a 3-2 lead.

SJSU's Nick Epidendio doubled into the left field corner and Shaffer followed by delivering for his second game in a row with an RBI single to right field for his second RBI in as many days to tie the game at 3-3.

"We need to be more opportunistic, leaving 10 guys on base will be a death knell for us if we don't fix that," Piraro said.

The Spartans put two runners on in the seventh off two BYU walks and Epidendio singled to left field to give the Spartans a 4-3 lead heading into the eighth inning, giving SJSU its first lead since the fourth inning.

Shannon, the Spartans' freshman pitcher, finished off the Cougars in quick fashion in the ninth and retired all eight batters he faced in his 2 2/3 innings of work.

"It was a fun weekend out there, our team's identity is coming out, we're scrappy and we'll fight to the last out," Shaffer said.

## Women's basketball shuts down Aggies, 58-35

By Sophia Seremetis  
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, both the San Jose State University women's basketball team and the New Mexico State University Aggies were looking to break four-game skids, but the Spartans came away the more dominant team, defeating the Aggies 58-35 at the Event Center.

It was the Spartans' largest margin of victory this season.

"Both teams were hungry for a win and it was good to see that... we wanted it a little more and I thought they played great from the tip to the finish," SJSU coach Janice Richard said.

After having lost six of their last seven contests, SJSU guard Brittany Imaku and forward Lamisha Augustine expressed relief at finishing the three-game homestand with a victory.

"We really needed this win," Imaku said. "It was a great team win."

NMSU (7-17, 4-9) is eighth in the Western Athletic Conference standings, while the Spartans (11-12, 6-6) have now locked into a tie for fourth place with the

University of Hawai'i (15-8, 6-6).

Augustine said she thinks some of the team's recent problems were due to the team straying from the coach's game plan.

"Our coaching staff always talks about defense," Augustine said. "I think we started believing in defense again tonight."

Imaku agreed. "We haven't played defense for the last four games," she said.

It was a whole different ballgame than the last time the Spartans saw the Aggies, when New Mexico's sophomore guard Monique Bribiescas shot a 3-pointer in the last minute to defeat the Spartans 50-47.

SJSU started the game on a 12-0 run, holding the Aggies scoreless until the 9:24 mark, when New Mexico's forward Jenean Ford drained two free throws after a foul by forward Amber Jackson.

But the Spartans never relinquished the lead, finishing the half ahead 26-16 and holding the Aggies to their lowest scoring total this season. New Mexico shot 22 percent from the field.

"We came out with more intensity this game," Imaku said. "In the

first game, we started off slow and ... we didn't play our game against them until the last eight minutes.

"This time we just wanted to pound them. We just played with heart tonight," Imaku continued.

Augustine led the Spartans with 16 points, seven rebounds and two steals. She shot 50 percent from the field.

Ford nearly matched Augustine, leading the Aggies with 16 points, six rebounds and two steals.

After sticking with the same starting five for most of the season, Richard made some changes before Saturday's game, starting Jaime Hall at center for the first time this season and Breana Fields at guard. Both are freshmen.

"After losing the four games in a row, we felt like we needed to do something," Richard said. "We decided to shake it up a little bit."

Hall scored six points and tied Jackson in rebounds with six apiece.

"Jaime was great defensively," Richard said. "She did the little things that you don't see on the stat sheet for us, so to have another big body we can count on in there is going to be a plus for us."

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# Week's events focuses on the dangers of eating disorders

By Patricia Ibarra  
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Today marks the beginning of the fifth annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week at San Jose State University, sponsored by Counseling Services, the SJSU Student Health Center and the Nutrition Education Action Team.

Awareness week is set up to give students, faculty and staff the information and resources they may need if they, or a loved one, are suffering from an eating disorder.

Different seminars and eating attitude screenings start today and end Thursday.

The seminars will be held in the Student Union from noon to 1 p.m. and include "Eating disorders: stress, hunger and perfection," "Bingeing, purging, starving: straight talk with students, shedding light, not weight," "What athletes, coaches and teammates need to know," and "Eating disorders, a family affair."

Anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorders affect both men and women, said Jennifer Waldrop, campus dietitian and action team

coordinator.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association's Web site, about 10 million women and up to 1 million men in the United States suffer from anorexia or bulimia.

"It's very good that our school is recognizing eating disorders in college-age students," said Jennifer Spohr, a senior majoring in sociology. "Even boys that have eating disorders need to know that it is OK to talk about it and admit that they need help."

According to the association's Web site, there are several health dangers associated with eating disorders. They can be serious and life-threatening conditions that affect people emotionally and physically.

Anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating each have their own consequences.

Some of the side effects for anorexia include fatigue, dry skin and hair loss.

Bulimia can cause peptic ulcers, tooth decay and chronic irregular bowel.

High blood pressure, gallbladder disease and type II diabetes mellitus are some consequences for binge eating, according to the associa-

tion's Web site.

"Not many people are aware how (eating disorders) affect them," said Johanna Enriquez, a senior majoring in animation.

She said the seminars may help give students the information they might otherwise not get.

The seminars will focus on preventive care and important information and resources available about eating disorder.

"It (the screening) looks at your attitudes about your weight," Waldrop said.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in screenings to determine if they are at risk for an eating disorder. The screenings run from 11 a.m. to noon and 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union.

"Anyone who completes the screening gets a prize," Waldrop said.

The prizes were donated by the Spartan Bookstore.

"As long as you are confident with whom you are and your appearance — then it really shouldn't matter what you look like," said Amee Desai, a post-baccalaureate biochemistry and computer science major.

# Israeli comedian to stop at SJSU as part of Bay Area tour

By Laura Rheinheimer  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Israeli comedian and actor Yossi Vassa will perform his one-man show tonight from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

The show, "It Sounds Better in Amharic," is Vassa's personal account of the 440-mile trek he made by foot from Ethiopia to a refugee camp in Sudan in order to escape the country and later flee to Israel.

Co-sponsoring the event are San Jose State University history department, Mosaic Cross-Cultural Center, the Jewish Student Union, Hillel International and Hashbasha, the Ethiopian student group.

"It's a chance to show students that blacks have importance not just in the United States, but all around the world, like in Israel," said Andrew Schwartz, Jewish Student Union president. "The Ethiopians in Israel are an essential part of society — there are 100,000 Ethiopians in Israel today — but on television and in the media, they don't really show that. It's a great opportunity to meet and hear the story of an Ethiopian Jew."

The show is part of Black History Month, which also included a poetry reading last Wednesday and will include a Women's Appreciation Night on Tuesday and an African Unity Fest on Feb. 28 to conclude the month's events.

"The Jewish Student Union and Hillel wanted to collaborate with the organizers of Black History Month to bring a black Jew who can tell his story," said Vanina Sandel, student life director for Hillel, an organization that aims to promote Jewish life on

college campuses.

"He was a minority as a Jew in Ethiopia and he was a minority as a black in Israel," Sandel said. "He felt it twice as much."

"It Sounds Better in Amharic" has been performed in five other Bay Area locations, including UC Berkeley.

The Israel Center of San Francisco organized the Bay Area tour.

Sharon Dwek, in charge of student outreach at the Israel Center of San Francisco, has seen Vassa perform before. She said his message is effective because "you can laugh and cry at the same time."

Dwek said the performance opening at the African Diaspora Museum was so popular they had to turn people away, which is why an additional performance was added for Thursday "by popular demand."

Vassa made the journey in 1985, at age 10, taking advantage of the Law of Return, which allows any Jew become an Israeli citizen.

In late 1984 and early 1985, Israeli forces airlifted over 6,000 Ethiopian Jews out of refugee camps in Sudan. However, Vassa's family, along with many others, had to travel from Ethiopia to the camps in Sudan because the Ethiopian government would not allow the emigration to Israel.

Vassa employs two styles — stand-up comedy and narrative storytelling — in his story about the changes he and others faced as new immigrants in Israel.

"He compares Israelis to Ethiopians — that's the funny part," said Dwek, who has seen Vassa's performance many times. "The touching parts (are about) crossing Sudan and going to Israel and losing part of his family."

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### ACROSS

- 1 Turn pages
- 5 Serpentine shapes
- 10 Price
- 14 Alice's chronicle
- 15 Cut too short
- 16 Maui dance
- 17 Pants purchase
- 18 Arnold's sci-fi role
- 20 Spa hot spot
- 22 Kind of potato
- 23 Necktie
- 25 Testing sites
- 26 Pepper holder
- 27 RSVP word
- 28 Belief systems
- 32 Sherlock Holmes accessory
- 33 Bored responses
- 35 Daze
- 36 Fall mo.
- 37 Countenance
- 38 Plato's H
- 39 Plug up
- 41 Kayak kin
- 42 Trickle down
- 43 TV chef
- 44 Graham —
- 45 UK country
- 46 Chess pieces
- 48 Gumbo veggie
- 50 Waiter's helper
- 51 Declare innocent
- 54 Like a fresh brownie
- 55 Makeup base
- 57 Betting factor
- 61 Insatiable
- 62 "Good night" girl
- 63 Waterfall sound
- 64 Tie fabrics
- 65 Dice throws
- 66 Freight hauler

### DOWN

- 1 Lick
- 2 Distinct period
- 3 Frazier foe

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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| 9 Coils around          | 41 Sure                   |
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| 11 Scoreboard           | 43 Bill payers            |
| 12 Kind of gin          | 47 Warship initials       |
| 13 Lemon-tasting        | 50 Fess Parker played him |
| 19 Essence              | 51 On the horizon         |
| 21 Hall, in old Rome    | 52 Bay                    |
| 23 Chewing gum source   | 53 One-liner              |
| 24 Eagle or hawk        | 54 Demeanor               |
| 25 Jargon               | 56 Part of TNT            |
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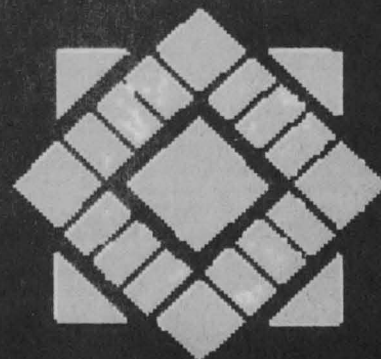
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**New look coming February 28!**



**Stay tuned for more updates next week!**